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Arrest Made in Attempted Murder Case

Today, September 30, 2016, at approximately 12:45 p.m., the City of Statesville North Carolina Police Department located and arrested a St. Petersburg man wanted on a Pinellas County arrest warrant for two counts of Attempted First Degree Murder. Marcus Frazier, b/m, 2/12/1997, was wanted for the attempted murders (shootings) of two men that took place on August 24, 2016, just after 3:00 a.m., at Bay Vista Park, 7000 4th Street South in St. Petersburg. Frazier will be extradited to Pinellas County to stand trial.

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Shooting at Bay Vista Park

Major Crimes Unit detectives are currently investigating an attempted homicide that occurred at 7000 4th Street South, Bay Vista Park, at 3:14 a.m. this morning.

The investigation thus far has revealed that a Joetavius Deon Whitson, b/m, 10/31/1991, was shot by a suspect described as a black man while a second black man stood by. While this shooting was taking place, Willie Day Brown, b/m, 1/11/1987, drove into the park in a car and immediately began taking on gunfire from the suspects. Brown was struck by gunfire and fled the park in the car he was driving. Brown drove himself to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

When officers arrived at Bay Vista Park, they located Whitson. Whitson was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Hospital where he underwent surgery. Whitson's condition is critical, but stable. The motive for
the shooting is unclear at this time. Detectives will be interviewing Whitson when he is able to speak.

There are no identifiable suspects or witnesses at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Marcus Frazier
Arrested on a warrant for 2 counts of Attempted First Degree Murder in Statesville, North Carolina